"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:22-23, 25

As we go forth, we desire to live inspired by the example of Jesus Christ, who calls us to love unconditionally (Matt 22:37), and values every person as created in God's image (Gen 1:27), even in the face of disagreement or division.

We seek to embody the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives, giving honor to all parts of the Body of Christ (Gal 5, 1 Cor 12):

With LOVE, we seek to bridge divides, stay curious, and pursue understanding.

With JOY, we seek to uplift one another and celebrate our shared faith.

With PEACE, we seek to become peacemakers in a world often filled with conflict.

With PATIENCE, we seek to listen deeply and respond with grace.

With KINDNESS, we seek to embody actions that reflect the compassion of Christ.

With GOODNESS, we seek to stand firm in our convictions while respecting others.

With FAITHFULNESS, we seek to remain committed to God and to one another.

With GENTLENESS, we seek to speak words that heal and build up rather than harm.

With SELF-CONTROL, we seek to temper our responses with wisdom and love.

As God's people, we remember the call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). We go from here, as ambassadors of Christ's love, empowered to be peacemakers in our communities (Matt 5:9). May the Holy Spirit guide you, strengthen you, give you endless grace, and fill you with hope as it is only together that we bear witness to Christ's reconciling work and shalom in the world (Rev 7).

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